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Chromosomes X, Y, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18  
And 20 As Well As 13/21 As A Pair  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2001 as provided for by 37 CFR § 1.136(a). The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 890.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

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